COMPARTMENT REVIEW RECORD OF CHANGES AND DECISIONS



Gladwin Forest Management Unit

2009 Year-of-Entry

Location: Riverwalk Place, Gladwin, MI

December 18, 2007

The following documents the changes and decisions made at the compartment review to the inventory database, reports, and compartment maps presented at the open house, for the Gladwin Forest Management Unit compartment review. This document is the official record of changes and decisions. Proposals originally presented were approved unless noted below.

Attendees: Kathrin Schroder (FSH), Ryan Mattila (FMFM), Roseanne Hatfield (FMFM), Adam Bump (WLD), Dick Shellenbarger (WLD), Bruce Barlow (WLD), Katie Campbell (FMFM), David Neumann (FMFM), Tim Gallagher (FMFM), Mark Reichel (FMFM), Todd Neiss (FMFM), Roger Hoeksema (FMFM), Steven Nyhoff (FMFM), Jason Stephens (FMFM), Scott Throop (FMFM), Patrick L. Potter (FMFM), Doug Bates (FMFM), Chris Damvelt (FMFM), Jake Figley (FMFM), Mike Hanley (FMFM), Tom Haxby (FMFM)

Comments from Stakeholders

Open House at Gladwin Field Office on December 4, 2007 – 8 visitors came to view maps and data and discuss prescriptions with staff.

Written comments were provided by:

- Joshua Cohen, MNFI Provided a document describing known records of natural features in each compartment that have known or high potential for occurrences of special natural features. The document also had more general comments for consideration.
- Dick Shellenbarger, WLD Provided a document outlining wildlife recommendations for retention. That early succession types would have a maximum of 3-4% retention and that retention be targeted for campsite locations, buffers along roadways, adjacent to existing gates, buffers on wildlife openings, buffers to vernal ponds, etc.
- Via e-mail Tim Reis, WLD Stated the following: Regarding the Gladwin Field Trial Area, the WLD supports it's designation as an HCVA. We also support an exemption from the retention requirements for those stands prescribed for harvest that are primarily intended to improve habitat for native grouse populations; the primary goal of the Gladwin Field Trial Area management plan. WLD does not support a retention exemption for the entire GFTA.

Verbal discussions from the Open House included:

 Jerry Allen 989-345-2677 & Joe Bervirt 989-631-5230: Came in and wanted to know if any of our compartments will impact the Midland to Mackinaw Boy Scout trail. We gave the maps for compartment 71 and 37. Both have the trail going through them. We went over what we saw and the trail and current problems we found. We also went over how retention may help the trail and standard timber specs we use in our sales that may impact trails.

- OJ Reno: Had no comment on current OI compartment. However, he is seeking to trade some property in T20N R2E Sec 29, with the State. The property is on the Titabawasse River and it fit well into blocking in an area in the Lame Duck Foot Access Area. Courtney had a discussion with him.
- George Randall 989-539-0739: He is a representative of the Clare County Parks and wanted information on the Clare County compartments treatment. The treatments were discussed with him and also explained. He also requested for a copy of any changes done as a result of the compartment review.
- Bob Wolschon 989-539-0739 & Bob Hayward 989-339-0345: Both came in with question on the treatments in compartment 20. The treatments were explained to them and several other questions mainly dealing with oak pests were discussed.
- Al Maczka 810-649-7191: Came in with question on possibly getting a road closed in Compartment 84 YOE 2004. He owns a 160 acre parcel in T17N R2E sec. 30 which is in the compartment. He has been having trouble with hunters coming in on a 2-track south of his property and pushing the trail in and up to the back side of his land. He wants it closed after the first traditional campsite off Deer Road. He was told it would be brought up to the Area Manager and discussed, no promise was made. Also a current timbersale that is going on in compartment 84 was discussed. His main question was trying to understand why the particular type of treatments were prescribed. (regeneration opening in E-Type instead of clearcuts were being used)
- Dawn Brown 989-343-0072: Was here representing Elk Lake and she just wanted information dealing with any compartments that would impact the lake. She saw the nearest one was Compartment 28 which is > 1 mile away so she voiced no major concerns.
- Comments from stakeholders that were provided at the open house or otherwise during
 the comment period were announced and discussed. Comments specific to
 compartments were read and considered as each compartment was discussed.
 Stakeholder input that resulted in changes to prescriptions for a specific compartment or
 stand is recorded in the compartment notes below. Copies of all comments are on file at
 the Gladwin Field Office.

Comp 11 (Stand Examiner Tim Gallagher)

Changes made at compartment review.

All stands in KW Block 117 (north of Otter Road) will have retention applied to the block.

Consider trail protection specs – focus retention along snowmobile trail in SE portion of compartment.

Stand 17 – Leave unplanted space around weather station.

Comp 20 (Stand Examiner Tim Gallagher)

Changes made at compartment review:

Stand 402 – Old transfer station. Plant areas allowing for access to harvest timber and replace gate. Plant to Jack pine or Spruce.

Compartment 24 (Stand Examiner Steve Nyhoff)

Changes made at compartment review:

Stand 194 – Problem with leaving trees on slope, change to clearcut.

Change partial harvest in stands 161, 274 to final harvest.

Stands 84, 168, 172, 226 exempt from retention guidelines – remove retention comments.

Note 168, 172, 226, 229 Request exemption from retention. Add alternative management objective.

Compartment 28 (Stand Examiner Steve Nyhoff)

Changes made at compartment review:

Stand 3 Add comments to leave retention around gate. Wildlife to mark additional retention in stand 3.

Add MCCCT trail on Field Map.

Add roads and gate locations to field map.

Change stand 3 comments reference to stand should be stand 2.

Compartment 34 (Stand Examiner Steve Nyhoff)

Changes made at compartment review:

Stands 9,15,21 and 24 need alternate acceptable regeneration.

Stand 9 and 24 objective to plant to red pine.

Stand 9 request money to improve access road over stream crossing.

SESE Section 14 close two track north of Sugar River Road. Wildlife to fill out road closure form. This is due to dumping trash.

Add two tracks to field map.

Compartment 37 (Stand Examiner Steve Nyhoff)

Changes made at compartment review:

Stand 15 – Wildlife to expand and improve parking area south of Secord Dam Road.

Compartment 62 (Stand Examiner Steven Nyhoff)

Changes made at compartment review:

Change comments to maintain old growth.

Comments: Forested stands between road and marsh remove potential old growth (need field coordinator approval).

Change comments to non-forested marsh to SCA to protect Bentley Marsh.

Change Forested stands east of marsh to potential old growth.

Stand 44 – Remove factor limit. Remove planting and change to broadcast seeding.

Stands 34 and 39 – Wildlife to implement retention guidelines.

Stand 46 - Close two track road north of stand 24.

Stand 22 - Trench through roads

Compartment 71 (Stand Examiner Mark Reichel)

Changes made at compartment review:

Stand 85 Change to clearcut with reserves. Reserves to be on steep areas. To evaluate regeneration after 4 years.

Change watershed and fisheries considerations; should read Little Molasses River and Fish Creek are smaller warm water fisheries.

Comment: Review road closures in Section 21.

Stand 1 - Alternate regeneration red pine

Stands 9, 41, 51, 56 - Alternate regeneration jack pine

Stands 2, 28 - Plant jack pine

Stand 16 - Interplant jack pine

Stand 27 - Plant red pine

Change to verify that map has stand number for stand west of stand 58. Identify with number on map – plant to jack pine.

Stand 43 – plant to jack pine.

Compartment 78 (Stand Examiner Mark Reichel)

Changes made at compartment review:

Stand 157 - Remove cultural treatment code.

Stand 13 – Management objective should be coded northern hardwood.

Compartment 100 (Stand Examiner Steve Nyhoff)

No changes made at compartment review.

Compartment 101 (Stand Examiner Tim Gallagher)

No changes made at compartment review.

Compartment 107 (Stand Examiner Mark Reichel)

Changes made at compartment review:

Stand 107 - Management objective should be spruce.

Stands 401, 402 - Management objective should be red pine

Stand 403 - Plant red pine and jack pine

Stand 404 - Management objective should be spruce, plant spruce, red pine, jack pine.

Compartment 143 (Stand Examiner Doug Bates)

Changes made at compartment review:

Stand 26 - Remove limiting factor

Stand 29 - Final harvest, limiting factor no access. WLD will habitat cut.

Red Pine Project Compartments:

Compartment 9

Changes made at compartment review:

Need to add comment to leave retention.

Compartment 10

Changes made at compartment review:

Add a comment to include retention along the road on stands 49, 67, 69 or along the adjacent oak in stand 49.

Need to add two trails, trails in red pine stands

Add retention along snowmobile trail if cut will be near there.

Compartment 33

Changes made at compartment review:

Need to add comment to leave retention

Compartment 65

Changes made at compartment review:

If inadequate regeneration plant red pine.

Compartment 124

Changes made at compartment review:

Add comments to all stands to leave retention.

Compartment 127

Changes made at compartment review:

Add comment to follow retention guidelines.

As the Compartment Review Meeting Facilitator, I certify that the above changes were agreed

Tom Haxby, Inventory and Planning Specialist

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